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OFFICE OF THE REV. COMR. IN MYSORE,
Bangalore....31...January...1903

FROM

V. P. MADHAVA RAO, ESQ., C.I.E.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

TO

H. V. NANJUNDAYYA, ESQ., M.A., M.L.,
Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
General and Revenue Depts.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith in original two letters dated the 27th instant received from the Honorary Secretary to the South Mysore Planters' Association and Mr.J.A.Harris, the President of that Association, in which certain provisions of the new Planters' Labour Bill are considered to be unsuited to the conditions of labour in Southern India in general and in Mysore in particular. I understand that the Bill has been referred by the Government of Madras to a Select Committee, and that the report of this Committee will be ready for consideration by the Legislative Council on or about the 24th of next month (February). As, on the final passing of the Bill in the Madras Presidency, a Labour Law on the same lines will have to be enacted for the Mysore State, it seems desirable that the objections entertained by the local planters to several of the provisions of the Bill should be considered at as early

a stage as possible, and preferably when the Bill is now being subjected to a searching examination in the Madras Legislative Council. I have therefore the honor to suggest that the representations of the South Mysore Planters' Association may be brought to the notice of the Madras Government through the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore. With regard to the concluding paras of Mr.Norton's and Mr Harris letters, I may say that at the conference held by me with the Planters in December last, the latter were given to understand that before the provisions of the Madras Act were extended to Mysore they would be given an opportunity of representing their views to Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P Jagannadha Rao

Revenue Commissioner.

Received
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by Mr Chandra
Sekharam
for who is
expected to
see me with
the latest
Report
Commerce
Industries
& Labour
Department
Secretariat
Fort St George

IGOOR,
YESLURPETT,
HASSAN DISTRICT.

January 27th 1903.

South Mysore Planters Association

V. P. Madhava Rao Esq. C.I.E.
First Councillor & Revenue Commissioner

Sir,

I have been instructed to call your attention to the new Labor Bill now being discussed in the Legislative Council of Madras: and trust that the Government of Mysore has taken the matter of such vital importance to employers of labour in this Province under grave consideration. I am sending you under separate covers, our President, Mr. Harris' letter home; and a copy of a meeting held by this Association on June 6th 1901.

The subject of the new Labour Bill, is no new one, but has been agitated for by the Planters of Southern India for many years; but we must justly complain, that we have had no time to discuss the Bill as drafted & presented to the Legislative Council of Madras, & of the extraordinary & unnecessary secrecy prevailing before the introduction of the Bill.

Our Association is unanimously of opinion that the Bill as it now stands, is unsuited to the conditions of labour prevailing in this Province. Especially draw your attention to sections 3 & 7; and to Mr. Harris comments thereon: and I am instructed to emphasize the disastrous effects those sections will have on our relations with local labour. We are afraid that such sections introduced into Mysore will cause the local Labourers of this Province, especially those in the Coffee districts, to be deprived of their means of existence and to be thrown back into a state of drudgery & of slavery, from which the Coffee Planters of this Province, have, in past years released them. This Bill has been drawn up under the misapprehension that the system of recruiting labourers in Southern India, is the same that prevails in or for Assam. I am also to point out to you the disastrous

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YESLURPETT,
HASSAN DISTRICT.

Effects that must ensue if the high handed & despotic proposal if the repeal of Act XIII is made retrospective. Our industry, as is well known, is suffering to the verge of extinction, and many employers of labour, who advanced large sums of money, will be losers of large sums of money, if this enactment of policy is pursued. This should not be permitted to pass into law without strong opposition, and we hope that the Mysore Government has already entered a protest against such retrograde legislation. There are one or two of the most salient, and ill-judged, points in this New Labour Bill, that I have been instructed to press on your notice.

In conclusion I am to remind you that at your conference with the South & North Mysore Planters, you informed us that the introduction of this Bill into British Territory would be immediately followed by its introduction into the Mysore Province. I am instructed to ask you before introducing this Bill into Mysore or before fixing its date of introduction, to depute a member of the Government to confer with the Planters of Mysore on the subject, with a view of to elicit their opinions, and to introduce modifications into the Bill, suitable to the conditions of labour prevailing in this Province especially as it refers to Local labour in the Malnad. Trusting that I may have the favor of an early reply, & the acknowledgement of the two documents sent under separate covers.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
H. Hitchcock
Hon'y. Sec'y. S. I. P. A.

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CHICKANHULLY,

BELUR,

HASSAN DISTRICT, MYSORE.

Dear M. Madhava Rao, 27 June 03

As I am getting ready to return to the Burma I write to address you regarding the Labor Bill, which is now being considered by the select Committee to whom it was referred by the Madras Leg: Council - Section 3 which has been sprung on us at the last moment is most objectionable, as we who employ local labor require Act XIII to deal with it - the new bill being quite unsuitable in this respect - further the last section of this section provides that the withdrawal of Act XIII shall be retrospective, so that we should have no recourse whatever to the civil Court (an entirely hopeless proceeding as you are aware) in connection with the penalties advanced previous to the introduction of the New Bill - I trust the Burma will use its very best & most prompt influence to induce the Govt of Fort St George to eliminate a greatly needed, this section I would point out that the quantity of Local Labor employed in Mysore is very considerable, some Estates are entirely worked by it, & the tendency of this Bill as it stands will be that neither employer nor employed (locals) will enter into contracts

under it, & the latter will obtain the chance of losing that valuable supplement to their means of livelihood which is now provided by the plaintiff. What is required is that Act XIII should be allowed to run concurrently with the New Bill, & that such modifications should be made in the latter as would make it appropriate to local labour. The form that these should take require to be carefully considered.

With regard to the introduction of the Bill into Lyons I may say that I trust the Bureau will give me the opportunity of conferring with the Ry- its representatives, personally myself, before entertaining this step - Such important matters are involved both to the plaintiff & his employés, & the present was a time of such great anxiety to the copper industry, that a blow struck in the shape of an unsuitable labour bill might have very serious consequences

Yours truly
J. A. Harris

South Mysore Planters' Association.

A Committee Meeting of the South Mysore Planters' Association was held at the Munzerabad Club on June 6th, 1901.

PRESENT:—Messrs. J. G. H. Crawford (*President*), Graham Anderson, C.I.E., T. Hunt, J. Aird, and F. Norton (*Honorary Secretary*).

The New Labour Act came under discussion, and it was noticed that the whole of the old subject was re-opened. It was agreed that the matter should be left in the able hands of Mr. Hodgson. Mr. Anderson read the following memorandum:

From a perusal of the copy of the letter received from the Secretary to the Government of India it is manifest that in addition to several proposed alterations and modifications of the Draft submitted by the Government of Madras the Governor-General in Council has re-opened the discussion of several important points nearly all of which have for very many years past been considered on each occasion when the subject of drafting or sanctioning a Labor Ordinance has engaged attention. During so many years' discussion this Association has expressed many opinions on the various points at issue and a reference to past proceedings and Presidential addresses clearly shows that most of the points have already occupied much of the time of the various meetings which have been held to consider the subject generally. I will therefore examine each point separately and give extracts from our proceedings and my own views.

A.—While rejoicing to hear that Government has acknowledged the undoubted requirements of the Wynaad, we note that emphasis is placed on the necessity of confining the action or use of the Ordinance to tracts which resemble Assam in their condition and requirements.

When considering the Order of the Government of Madras, dated 28th November, 1893, a former President made the following remarks:—

"In Mysore and many parts of Southern India the plantations

are generally dotted over an immense area which is cultivated with other crops, ... with numerous villages, the inhabitants of which have their own industries to attend to, and it would therefore be impossible to have an Ordinance which would only affect persons residing on Estates and in no way influencing the conduct of those just outside their boundaries.

"In some places in South Mysore there are large bodies of local laborers who, living in the vicinity of the Plantations, attend work occasionally or regularly, but return to their own homes either daily or weekly.

"It would be obviously, absolutely impossible to bring such people under any complex system of arrangements."

In the Annual Report, 1893-94, the following appears

"The very essence of the Planters' appeal is for the introduction of simple improvements which will enable them to act with patience and leniency towards those who by giving a portion of their time to work at certain periods of the year are the means of supporting industrial enterprises which have congenial employment constantly available."

Some isolated portions of South Mysore may have some distant resemblance to what exists in the Wynaad but absolutely none in any way resemble Assam.

If, also, Wynaad is to be "one labor district" and only such localities are to be chosen for the operation of the Ordinance, it is to be gravely feared that the chances of Mysore being benefited in any way are remote.

B.—Act XIII to be repealed when the New Ordinance is introduced.

"Mr. Ward the Commissioner of Assam (page 84 of Conference Proceedings) sounds the key-note of the cause of the difficulties experienced in Southern India connected with Act XIII when he states that its use in Assam tends to limit its application to laborers who can be relied on not to desert and that the Ordinance is a lenient law of Penal contract."

"The reasons for so few convictions under Act XIII in Assam are most clearly attributable to two causes;—

A.—Its restriction to contracts with reliable persons.

B.—The moral and restraining effect of the tremendous power of the labor ordinance which is also in force and with which it is

sociated a special Police force and the minute and continuous supervision of numerous Government officials. A few examples of the determination and power of Government to check with promptness all fraudulent practices are always sufficient to produce a beneficial effect."

If the New Ordinance is to be introduced only where conditions resemble Wynaad or Assam, Act XIII or some improvements in existing provisions connected with the necessary punishment for criminal Breach of Contract, must surely be required for those portions of a District to which the New Ordinance cannot be made to apply.

If the Labor Ordinance in Assam had a moral restraining effect so that Act XIII was found to work far better than it ever worked in Southern India, it may possibly be presumed that convictions arising under the New Ordinance in one part of a District may have a salutary effect on unscrupulous persons in the other portion where the Ordinance is not in force. Although this would be a *very slender protection to rely upon*, it is worthy of some consideration before repealing Act XIII, however unworkable that Act has been found to be hitherto.

C.—The dual position of Maistries and the burden of proof as to what has been done with money entrusted to them.

"Maistries who may live over 100 miles away from the Estate are at present free to use all advances for their own purposes and it is absolutely impossible to obtain proof sufficient to procure a conviction of breach of trust or misappropriation of the money given out for advancing laborers.

1*st.*—There are agreements between Planters and Maistries.

2*nd.*—Between Planters and Coolies.

3*rd.*—Between Planters and Artificers.

4*th.*—Between Maistries and Coolies.

The quotations from Wier's Criminal Rulings afford authority for doubting whether a contract entered into with a Maistry to provide or supply Coolies is a contract for work to be performed."

This is the whole reason of so much discussion as to the dual position of Maistries.

If a Maistry is an Agent, can he be held to have broken a contract?

If he contracts to work himself with a gang, is he then an Agent or a simple Contractor?

If his men abscond is it proper to punish him criminally for the fault of others?

Is the Maistry who engages coolies or commits the offence of "Crimping," an Agent of the Planter, or a simple Contractor?

All these are the troubles inseparably associated with the dual position of a Maistry. It is obviously a very difficult arrangement which will be required to remove the ambiguousness complained of by the Governor-General in Council.

"The Government gathers that the object of defining the word 'advance' so as to include earnest-money or consideration is to render Maistries amenable to the Act. This is not the case. The word 'advance' has been held to mean a simple prepayment of wages, given either as an accommodation or for supplying means to collect materials or provide tools for executing a contract. In labor contracts, therefore, the word 'advance' has a special or technical meaning as the sum given is not a simple prepayment of wages, nor is it for the collection of materials or for providing tools with which to execute a contract; it is an earnest of good faith and as such is a consideration."

D.—Registration of Maistries.

"Entirely apart from all considerations of the admittedly defective state of the existing law which alone can be remedied by the Supreme Government, the Mysore Durbar is believed to be in favor of certain administrative improvements relative to the Registration of Maistries which will further involve the compulsory adoption of approved forms of agreement. These measures if associated with increased facilities for the service of warrants and for the recruiting of laborers within this Province, will undoubtedly tend materially to check many fraudulent practices and would further safe-guard the interests of all honest laborers."

E.—Limitation of advances to the original amount given.

"The third suggestion made in the Memorial (from the Wynaad) was that person whose names were entered in the Check Roll should be deemed to have entered into a contract of service for one month if they received an advance of a Cumlie (Blanket) or money.

"The Government considered the proposal a most objectionable one and as calculated to tie a laborer who might do a day's work for a day's wages, to labour for a whole month. Coolies arriving from the heated plains of Canara or Madras feel the

change to the Hill climate acutely and if they apply for a Cumlie worth from Re. 1 to Rs. 2 to prevent themselves from getting ill, it is difficult to see how security for payment can be afforded, unless reliance is placed on the fact that all recipients engage themselves as monthly employees. Coolies from Canara and Madras territory generally arrive without money and with very scanty clothing."

Altogether, after perusing the remarks of the Government of India, the impression remains, that the conditions existing in Mysore being entirely unlike those found in Assam, the difficulties of applying the provisions of the New Ordinance will be insuperable. more especially if all the recommendations and orders of the Governor-General in Council are embodied in it

Under any circumstances Mr. Hodson, the President of the United Planters' Association of Southern India, knows everything which is required to suit the requirements of each District and our Association has absolute confidence that its interests are in the best of keeping when he has the arrangement of the details of a Draft Ordinance on which he has already bestowed such persistent and sympathetic attention.

GRAHAM ANDERSON,
Member of Committee,
South Mysore Planters' Association.

8th June, 1901.

The New Game Act.—It was decided that as a new Game and Fish Preservation Association had been formed, the new Game Act had passed out of the Province of the S. M. P. A., but that the new Association should receive its cordial support, and that all members of the S. M. P. A. should be urged to join the new Association.

Delegate to U. P. A. S. I.—Mr. J. G. H. Crawford was unanimously elected to represent the S. M. P. A.

Mr. Anderson said that our Delegate should be prepared definitely to meet the question of a Cess. After some discussion it was decided to authorize our Delegate, considering the deplorable condition of crops and markets, to vote against the imposition of a Cess. While all are in favor of the proposed tax in principle, we are debarred by present hard times from supporting the movement.

Our Delegate was instructed to enforce the value of Mangalore as the Natural Harbour for Mysore and as the terminus of the Arsikerri-Mangalore line, the survey of which has been nearly completed, and to urge its speedy construction.

He was also instructed to support other Associations in procuring a reduction of Railway rates.

Letters from the Secretary, U. P. A. S. I., were laid on the table and read.

Mr. Crawford was elected to represent the S. M. P. A at the Dusserah

The Honorary Secretary was instructed to address the Principal Medical Officer of Mysore with regard to the Medical supervision of the District.

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Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

Bangalore, dated

From

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments.

To

The First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith copies of letters noted in the margin in which certain provisions of the new Planters' Labour Bill are considered to be unsuited to the conditions of labour in Southern India in general and Mysore in particular, and to request that, if the Hon'ble the Resident sees no objection, the above representations may be brought to the notice of the Madras Government. It is believed that the report of the Select Committee on the Bill will be taken up for consideration by the Madras Legislative Council on the 27th instant.×

1) Letter dated 27th January 1903, from Mr. Fletcher Norton, Honorary Secretary to the South Mysore Planters' Association.

2) Letter dated 27th January 1903, from Mr. J.A. Harris, President of the South Mysore Planters' Association.

(× So stated in the Madras Mail for 3rd inst.)

2. The Honorary Secretary of the Association has been informed ⊗ that local planters will have an opportunity of laying their representations before the Durbar before the promulgation of a labour law on ~~similar~~ lines in the Mysore State.

⊗ by the Resr. Comr.

I have &c

5-2-03 No 11898 Legis: 76

Copy to Resr: Comr: with reference his letter No 1129 dd 31-1-03.

Mr Winston Churchill
It is the representations
themselves which appear
to us objectionable - otherwise we have
no wish to hamper
in any manner the action
of the Govt - We must not
be understood as
wishing to alter
the draft - as altered
by the Lords.

Yours truly
Alexander Henderson
Chairman

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To The First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Honble Secretary to the Planters' Association have made to the address of the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, who has forwarded them to the Government, the following representations with regard to the Planters' Labour Bill, now before the Madras Legislative Council:

i) That the planters have not had sufficient time to discuss the Bill as introduced in the Legislative Council

ii) That the Bill as it now stands is unsuited to local conditions of labour;

iii) That it has been drawn up under the misapprehension that the system of recruiting labour in Southern India is the same as that for Assam

a Prefer this to the previous Dept. C

10/12/03

Submitted to the Dewan

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specially, will have disastrous effects on the relations of Planters and labourers, and tend to discourage the employment of local labour;

iv) that Act XIII of 1859 should not be repealed, & that the proposal* to make its repeal retrospective will be very injurious to the interests of employers of labour

v) that the effect of the Bill, if passed, will be that neither employers nor (local labourers) employees will enter into contracts under it; and

vi) that what is required is that Act XIII of 1859 should be allowed to run concurrently with the new Bill, or that such modifications should be inserted in the latter as would make it afford

* This proposal has since been modified in Select Committee.

2. [illegible] from making any comments on the above criticisms so far as these bear on the probable working of a labour law on similar lines for the Mysore State, inasmuch as local planters will be given a full opportunity of discussing such a measure before its promulgation. But as the representations relating to the Bill now before the Madras Govt., I am to request that the same may, if the Hon'ble the Resident sees no objection, be communicated to that Govt. for such action as it deems proper.

I have &c

T. [illegible]

Acting

Chief Secy

Copy of telegram dy 19.2.02 from First Asst. Resident & the Dewan of Mysore.

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Camp number 39 Secretary's letter 11897 legislative dated 16 February planter's labour bill time for reference to Madras now very short moreover modifications effected by select committee appear to remove some of objections urged. Resident suggests that association be advised to communicate direct with planting members

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Dewan's order thereon, dy 20.2.03:—

From Dewan of Mysore—

Wire to President — Planter's association — (Telegram sent as per Address overleaf. dd 22/2/03

Referring to representation regarding labour bill before Madras Legislative Council

Special Committee modified objectionable passages — Time being short please communicate direct with Planting members. Wired by Order. dd 22/2

This has now to be despatched urgently from Bangalore

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The File was obtained from

Office (Sunday - 22d) and an.
in phone terms,
Urgent telegram sent to the
following address: —

Hassan
J. A Harris Esq
President
South Mysore
Planters Assn
Chickanhalli
Belur Post

From
Bangalore
By Secretary

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EL
22/2/03

Word to Mr B. V. Lakshmana Rao,
Mysore: —

Sent urgent wire
yesterday to President
South Planters' Assn
through Belur Post

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23/2/03

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Dept — EL 24/2/03

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From The President
South Mysore Planters' Association

To

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT OF MYSORE,
GEN. & REV. DEPTS.

Dated 24th February 1903

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Received 26th Feb 1903

General No.

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Enclosure No.
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Requesting that the Govt. will give opportunity to one of the members of the Assn. to represent their views at the time of introducing the Labour Law in Mysore

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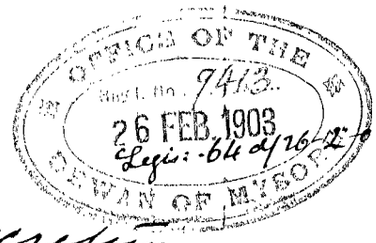

CHICKANHULLY,

BELUR,

HASSAN DISTRICT, MYSORE.

24 Feb 03.

The Dept Secretary
Mysore Govt
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your telegram received today regarding the Labour Bill, & have the honor to inform you that my Assn has placed its views before the Planting Community. With reference to the modifications made by the Select Committee though the Bill is thereby improved, there are still points that it is desirable should be altered. I have been given to understand that there would be no objection to Local Govt making alterations* to suit local circumstances & it is therefore very important that your Govt should give planters the opportunity of conferring with one of its members before deciding to introduce the Bill.

I have the honor to remain,
Your most obedt Servant
J. P. Harris.
President Chickanhully
Planters Assn

* provided they are not opposed to the principles of the Bill.

1902.

From

H. V. NANJUNDAYYA, Esq., M.A., M.L.,
Secy. to the Govt. of Mysore,
Gen. & Rev. Depts.

To

The President,
South Mysore Planters'
Association

Dated

Despatched

Received

General No.

No. J.

Enclosure No.

In reply to ~~his~~ his letter dated 24th February 1903, I have the honor to state that due opportunity will be given ~~for~~ the Planters to represent their views, before any law on the subject of Planters' Labour is introduced in Mysore.

26.2.03
for Secy.

Would you please write to Mr. Scott Hamilton
Hamilton
3/3/03

11.3.03

13/3/03

MGCPB—500—26-9-02.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

To

The President,
South Mysore
Planters' Association.

No 13770. Dy 14-3-03
Legis. 88

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24th February 1903, and to state, in reply, that due opportunity will be given to the Planters to represent their views, before any law on the subject of Planters' Labor is introduced in Mysore.

I have &c

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From

The Revenue Commr
in Malnad.

To

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GEN. & REV. DEPTS.

Dated 16/4/03

Despatched

Received

General No. 1781
No.

Enclosure No. 1

Forg: copy of letter of ~~3rd~~ January
12th April 03 rec'd from the
Hon'ble Secretary, South
Malnad Planters Association
re the Labour Law to be enforced
in Malnad and recommending
that the services of the Association
be availed of for the purpose of a Legal
Officer to confer with the
representatives of the Planting
community, on the whole question
subject of Inspection &c to be
appointed by Govt. who may be
conferred with & heard in the name
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~~Chief Court etc~~ Court of Cochin.

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OFFICE OF THE REV. COMR. IN MYSORE,
Bangalore..... 16th April '03

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FROM

V. P. MADHAVA RAO, ESQ., C.I.E.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

TO

H. V. NANJUNDAYYA, ESQ., M.A., M.L.,
Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
General and Revenue Depts.

SIR,

Sr. No. 1

In continuation of my letter no 112 C dated 31st January 1903 I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter dated 12th April 1903 received from Mr. J. Norton, Honorary Secretary South Mysore Planters Association, regarding the Labor Law to be introduced into Mysore on the lines of the Planters' Labour Bill just passed by the Madras Legislative Council and to recommend that

that the request of the Association
for the appointment of a high
official to confer with the representa-
tives of the Planting Community
in this State on the subject of
the modifications to be suggested
by them maybe complied with.
I am of opinion that the most
satisfactory arrangement will
be to depute an officer who has
had judicial and Adminis-
-trative Experience to confer
with the planters regarding
the Labour Law they would
like to have for Mysore
and I would propose the
name

that

name of M. Rangasamy Renegar, Judge of the First Court

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

[illegible]
for Revenue Commissioner

KS

South Mysore Planters' Association

Yeslurpett, Hassan District, April 12, 1903.

To

V. P. Madhava Rao, Esq; C.I.E.
1st Councilor & Revenue Commissioner
in Mysore.

Sir,

In continuation of previous correspondence, and especially in regard to my letter of 27th January 1903, and your reply dated January 31st 1903, I have the honor to inform you that the following resolutions were unanimously passed at our Annual General Meeting.

× Sir No: (1)

I That this Association while recognizing that the Bill as finally passed by the Legislative Council of Fort St. George in a great measure meets the requirements of the Planting Community, it is aware that

that certain modifications
are desirable to meet the pecu-
liar circumstances of Labor
in this Province and it takes
this opportunity of thanking the
Durbar for its gracious offer
to confer with us regarding
such modifications, by the intro-
duction of which the Bill is
capable of being made acceptable
to us.

II That a Committee of 5
be appointed to draw up a memo
of such modifications as may
be deemed desirable.

I have been instructed
to ask you, before introducing
the Bill finally, to procure
the appointment of a High Offical
to confer with us on the subject
of the suggested modifications.

As soon as the Bill, as final passed by the Council of Fort St George has been printed, it will be circulated amongst the Members of our Association who will be invited to suggest modifications or improvements, in ~~it~~ to be laid before the Sub-Committee to receive and Condense them, with a view of their being in a position to meet a High Offical appointed by H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore, strengthened by the Collective opinion of our Members.

I trust that our suggestion will meet with the approval of the Mysore Government and

and that time will be accorded for the collection of opinions.

I have &c

Signed Fletcher Norton

Hon: Secy. S.17.P.A

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Arrangements for Revenue Commissioner

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To

The Revenue Commissioner
in Mysore.

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter no 1981 of the 16th April 1903 and of its enclosure, being a copy of a communication from the Honorary Secretary of the South Mysore Planters' Association, regarding the enactment of a labour law for Mysore on the lines of the Madras Planters' Act*.

2. I am to request you to inform the Hon'ble Secretary of the Association, in reply, that the Government of His Highness the Maharaja consider that the planters should first decide among themselves what

Why not send a duplicate reply? Copy being sent to Rev C— ? This is not a Rev Subject & it Comes through Rev C— and should have been sent on to Mysore

Resp. put up 21.5.03

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* This has recently been promulgated. (Mad Act VI)

What the modifications and improvements are which they ~~wish~~ want effected in the provisions of the Bill in Question ~~they refer to~~ before such provisions are introduced into this State, and then, if they wish to do so, to send a deputation or representative to wait on the Government to explain their views. The Association may be assured that the Govt. do not propose to take any step to legislate in the matter of the ~~proposed legislation~~, till all the interests likely to be affected thereby have had sufficient time to ~~represent~~ place their views, if any, before Govt.

Added, subject to approval as one of the requests of the Assoc^{n} is that they should be given time.

Draft-a-per
H. Hi'nders

I have &c

20.5.03

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Draft of letter to the Honorary Secretary of the South Mysore Planters Association -

To
The Honorary Secretary
S. M. P. Association

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 12th April 1903 (received with letter No. 1903 D1 dated 16th ~~April~~ idem from the Resd Commr in Mysore) regarding the enactment of a labour law for Mysore on the lines of the Madras Planters' Act and suggesting that an Officer of Govt may be deputed to meet Conferees on the subject with your Assn. 2 I am to inform you in reply that the Govt. of H.H. the Raja consider it better that the planters should

first decide among themselves what the modifications and improvements are which they would to have effected in the provisions of the law in question before they such bills are introduced into this State, and then, if they wish to do so, send a representative or deputation to explain their views before the Government. The Association may rest assured that the Government do not propose to take any steps to legislate in the matter, till all the interests likely to be affected thereby have had sufficient time to place their views if any, before Government.

I have etc

Secretary

21/5/17

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No 164-4-9
Legis: 148.

Any representation which they may make will receive the best consideration of the Government.

The Rev. Edward Lucas

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Agts: 116.

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From

Fletcher Norton Esq.
Hon. Secy. S. M. P. A

To

THE SE[illegible]TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE.
GEN. & REV. DEPTS.

Dated 5th June 1903.

Despatched

Received

~~General No.~~
~~No.~~

~~Enclosure No.~~

Accepting with much pleasure, the Govt offer to receive a deputation from the S. M. P. A in re the introduction of the Madras Planters' Labor Act into Mysore.

Recd in the Secretariat 9th June 1903
VS
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References to be marked.

Scottish file. 4/10.6.03

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Scottish Mysore Planters Association

Goolerpett. Hassan District

June 5th 1903.

To

H. V. Nanjundiah Esq M.A.

Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore

Bangalore

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE
Rec. No. 1115
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

Sir,

I have been instructed, in reply to
8. your kind communication of last
month, to inform you that we highly
appreciate the offer & suggestion com-
municated to us, that suggestions
& improvements to the new Mysore
Planters Labour Law should come
from us; and that the Government
of Mysore will be prepared to meet
a representation or a deputation

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from this Association, before introducing
the new Labour Law into Mysore
I am to inform you that we accept
with much pleasure the Government
offer to receive such a deputation; & to
further inform you that if quite convenient
a deputation will wait on the Government
after the meeting of the United Planters
Association on August 3rd.
We feel all confidence in the wish of
the Government to help us as much as
possible, & to give our suggestions for the
further improvement of the Bill, every
consideration

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Fletcher Norton
Hon. Sec. S. M. P. A

Received on
10/6/03.

Legis: 2 – 1903.

To

Fletcher Norton Esqre
Hon. Secy
South Tyrone Clothiers Assn

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. in which you state that, if quite convenient, a deputation from your Assn will wait on the Govt. ~~at~~ on some date after the 3rd Aug 1903, to represent its views in ~~the~~ connection with the ~~proposed~~ introduction of a Labour Exchange in Mgne, and

I am to inform you in reply that the arrangement is accepted by Govt. It is presumed you will give me a ~~few~~ couple of days previous notice of the exact

Date on which the Deputation proposes to meet the Govt.

J Haverfield

28/6/13

24/6/13

Office Draft. (Letter.)

Mysore Dewan's Office,
Branch.

To

Fletcher Norton Esqre
Hon'ble Lord
South Mysore Planters' Assocn

Date of passing the draft 24-7-03
Date of despatch 25-7-03

Regd. No. 7
File No. & date (if any) 2-03

~~No. of Encls~~ –

Sir,

In cont: of my letter
of 24th June 1903 no
157/Legs 2-03, I am
directed to request you, ~~to do so~~ when intimating
the date on which it is
proposed to send a deputation
to wait on the Dewan
in connection with the question of Labour
Law for Mysore, to be so
good as to furnish also information as to the number and
name of the gentlemen
who will constitute the
deputation, and the particulars

of the various points to be brought up by the deputation for consideration

Thanks

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South Mysore Planters' Association,

Yeslurpet, Hassan, July 8th 1903.

GENERAL & REVENUE DEPARTMENT
11 JUL 1903

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To

H. V. Nanjundayya Esq. B. A; M. L.

Secretary to the Government of Mysore

General and Revenue Department

Bangalore.

Sir

We have to acknowledge yours of the 24th ult. and to thank you for the information contained therein. We note your request that a few days previous notice shall be sent to you, before the deputation proposes to meet the Government; and to assure you that it will be complied with.

We thank you for your letter

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Hutchinson

Hony. Sec.y S. M. P. A.

August 4th 03.

To

H. V. Muddiah Esq. M.A. M.L.

Secretary to the Government of Mysore

General and Revenue Departments

Sir,

I have to acknowledge yours of the 25th July, and in reply am requested to state that the deputation to wait on the Dewan in connection with the question of the Labour Law for Mysore will consist of Mr. Harris (President S. M. P. A.) & of myself.

Since writing to you last my Association has held a meeting to consider the Labor Bill and have resolved that taking into consideration the precarious condition of our industry we should not ask the Government of Mysore to introduce the Bill at once into the Province; but as the Government have resolved to do so, we would wish to place before such suggestions and remarks as have occurred to us, which would improve the Bill, & make it acceptable to us: and as our delegates are attending the meeting of the United Planters Association, we thought, Members they were on the spot, & if it would be quite convenient to the Dewan, it would be advisable to take advantage of them present in Bangalore to wait on the Dewan & place their views before him for The points we would wish to bring up for consideration are those contained in

Chap III Section 4
Chap III Section 13.
" " Section 14
" " " 15
" VI " 43.

I would feel very much obliged if you would please communicate to arrange for receiving our deputation on Friday 8th inst. at any time except between 10 & 2 pm. Hoping that I may receive an early reply

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

H. Richardson

Hon. Sec. S. M. P. A.

but the medicity is undergoing depression and they would therefore wait & see effects of how the measure would practically work elsewhere — They wanted time to consider what they should do — Mr Scott Stevenson as representing the South Planters did not want the Bill at all — I told them that the Dadar were not in a hurry to push the measure and that they would be quite willing to give them time — & in the meanwhile hold the measure in abeyance —

When they talked about St Louis &c they have to spend 25000 Rs — they estimate for 5000 Rs. In reply to many questions they men tioned this even — I asked them why they were not sending a delegate — They agreed it was a very good suggestion — & they would consider — & added that it was a question of money

Mr Scott Stevenson asked me about the Medical Grant & I told him that His Highness had sanctioned it — They were very grateful.

Mr Harris asked me about the Aryan Temple I told them what Mr Nojaikar had told me that he was preparing the project & was able to reduce the amount.

Thus ended the Conference of this morning.

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Mr Chandrasekhara
Hindu Mission
Will principally
Hindu Day to the Legislative
Council

6.8.03

Dear Mr Shamadas,

In case the Dewan wishes to go over the Madras Planters' Labour Bill previously to the time fixed for tomorrow's reception of the Planters' Deputation will you kindly submit the accompanying copy of the Bill to him?

I have placed a red pencil cross against the sections which Mr Fletcher

1 Mr Harris
2 Mr Norton
3 Mr Scott Skirving
Tarrone -

Regarding the Taluk Bill 1 & 2 are not in a position to ask the Govt to proceed with the Bill at once, that a Bill on the lines of the Mysore Act would be necessary to get the same terms regarding extradition but some slight details have to be considered